

Application No.: 10/623,106
Group Art Unit: 2833

Remarks

Disposition of Claims: Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. Claims 1-3 are rejected and claims 4-8 are objected to. The following remarks are addressed to the referenced paragraphs of the Office Action dated December 23, 2003.

Specification

Applicants have amended the Specification by writing out the abbreviation for PCMCI and PC on page 1, line 8.

Claim Objections

The objections to claim 1 are moot in view of the cancellation of claim 1. Claims 6, 7, and 8 have been amended to satisfy the technical requirements kindly pointed out by the Examiner.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshida, et al., (4,887,188). Claims 1-3 have been canceled, rendering this ground for rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the statement of allowability of claims 4-8, which claims have been amended to meet the technical requirements as set forth in the Office Action.

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Conclusion

For all of the foregoing reasons and in view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully contend that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration and allowance of claims 4-8, and issuance of Letters Patent for the subject invention. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this amendment and response to Deposit Account No. 50-1581.

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